IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp omprising:

an outer envelope (1) in which a discharge vessel 11) is arranged around a longitudinal axis (22),

the discharge vessel (11) enclosing, in a gastight anner, a discharge space (13) provided with an ionizable filling,

the discharge vessel (11) having a first (2) and a s cond (3) mutually opposed neck-shaped portion through which a first (4) and a second (5) c rent-supply conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes (6, 7) arranged in the ischarge space (13),

the outer envelope (1) having a bulb-shaped porti n ~~(2)~~ adjacent the discharge space (13),

the bulb-shaped portion ~~(2)~~ having a wall thickne d_1,

the remainder of the outer envelope (1) having a v all thickness d_2, wherein

the ratio of d_1 and d_2 ~~is other than unity~~ is within e range of

$0.35 \leq \frac{d_1}{d_2} \leq 1.5$, except that $\frac{d_1}{d_2} \neq 1$.

2. (Previously Presented) A high-pressure discharge lamp as clai ed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of d_1 and d_2 is in a range of:

$$0.4 \leq \frac{d_1}{d_2} \leq 0.8.$$

3. (Previously Presented) A high-pressure discharge lamp as clai ed in claim 1, wherein the outer envelope (1) is made from quartz glass, hard glass or soft g ss.

4. (Currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claim l in claim 3, wherein the bulb-shaped portion ~~(2)~~ of the outer envelope (1) is formed in a mold.